Setting up of Vanaspati Units in Orissa

1179. SHRI BAIKUNTHA NATH SAHU : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Vansapati units proposed to be set up in Orissa in Co-operative sector, Public sector or Private sector; and

(b) the details of estimated cost, location, capacity and the expected time of the commencement of the production of those Vanaspati plants ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) and (b) A Letter of Intent has been issued in Februrary, 1989 in favour of M/s. Orissa State Cooperative Oilseeds Growers Federation Ltd. for setting up a Vanaspati unit at Khurda, district Puri with a capacity of 15000 MTs per annum. The estimated cost of the plant (land, building and machinery) is around Rs. 230 lakhs. Normally a Vanaspati unit is commissioned in about two years time.

Setting up of Food Processing Industries in Orissa

1180. SHRI JAGADISH JANI : Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have taken any steps for the expansion of Food Processing Industry;

(b) if so, the specific steps taken for setting up of some Food Processing Units in Orissa ; and

(c) the number of Food Processing Units set up in that State so far ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) to (c) Government has set up the Ministry of Food Processing Industries with the objective of encouraging the setting up of food processing units in the country. While various steps have been taken to give encouragement to such industries, such as relief in excise and customs duties, inclusion of such industries in Appendix-I, broad-banding of food pocessing industries, etc., there is no proposal to set up any such unit in the Central public sector in Orissa.

NDDB Assistance to States for Oilseeds Projects

1181. SHRI JAGADISH JANI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the National Dairy Development Board has been providing the State Governments financial assistance for implementing oil seeds projects;

(b) if so, the amount of assistance sanctioned by NDDB to different State Governments so far ; and

(c) the details of the oilseeds projects taken up by those State Governments with NDDB assistance ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CO-OPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV) : (a) Yes, Sir. The assistance is being provided to the Oilseed Growers Cooperatives in seven States (and not to the State Governments) for implementing oilseeds projects.

(b) Details of funds released to the Oilseeds Growers' Federa-

tions up to March, 1989 are as follows :

(Rs. in Million)

State Federation	Funds released
Gujarat	559.2
Madhya Pradesh . . .	246.7
Tamil Nadu	93.5
Andhra Pradesh . . .	115.9
Orissa	95.9
Maharashtra	80.9
Karnataka	105.5

In addition to this, NDDB also provided short term loans for procurement of oilseeds on a season-to-season basis to the extent of Rs. 218.3 millions during 1988-89.

(c) At the request of the Govt. of India, the NDDB formulated a project restructuring edible oil and oilseed production and marketing with the aim of establishing a vertically integrated cooperative structure on Anand Pattern for oilseed development. The project is financed from funds generated by domestic sale of vegetable oils gifted by USAID and CIDA. Under the project, the NDDB provides financial assitance to various oil seed growers' cooperative federations (which have been formed at the instance of the respective State Govts.) to help create "Anand Pattern" cooperatives, owned and controlled by the producers, which help them obtain best values for their produce of oilseeds by linking them with the market.

2. The project is presently being implemented in the seven States of Gujarat, M. P., Maharasthra, Orissa, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Karnataka. By December 1988, 3415 societies had been formed in these States covering around 490,000 farmer members.

Recruitment in Bureau of Indian Standards

1182. PROF. C. LAKSHAMANNA : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether a number of System Sclentists have recently been recruited for the Discipline of Statistics/Quality Systems/Operational Research in the Bureau of Indian Standards ;

(b) if so, what are the names of such incumbents, seniority-wise, alongwith the places of their posting ;

(c) whether they had been asked to give option for the places of their posting ; and

(d) if not, what criteria had been adopted for their posting to various offices of the Bureau ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) Yes, Sir. Eight (8) System Scientists—A (*i.e.* Assistant Directors) have been recruited recently by the Bureau of Indian Standrads in this Discipline.